

DUTCH JOHN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CONFERENCE HALL

Monday, March 28, 2016

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA/MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:15 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ATTENDANCE: Members: Buddy Rogers, Dave McDonald, Ryan Kelly, Sandy Kunkel, Harriet Dickerson

Guests: None.

BUSINESS:

1. **Public comment – limited to 5 minutes per individual.** None
2. **Review/approval of minutes from last meeting.** Motion to approve as corrected made by Sandy Kunkel. Seconded by Dave McDonald. Passed.
3. **Review of Correspondence** Buddy reported on email from Edmund Lombard of the Lt Gov. Office stating there had been a complaint that our input required on the Public Notice website was not up-to-date. He answered email and is in the process of making sure all our information is there. It would be helpful if Harriet labeled documents of agenda and minutes differently so they could just be uploaded without having to be renamed. It was also felt that more time should be given to the public when posting our notices. It was agreed that Harriet would post meeting notices the Wednesday prior to each Monday meeting.
4. **Approval of Expenditures.** None.
5. **Old Business – Reports from members.**
 - i. **Update on public notice requirements for emailing to fulfill legal obligations.** Dave will revisit this issue and see if he can get a final determination about this so hopefully all notices can be done through email and posting at the post office and conference hall.
 - ii. **Dave also had updated information regarding Franchise Agreements.** Summary: Entities that enter into these types of agreements generally “get” something out of them for their town. This could include a signing fee and/ or an agreement amount of between 1-5% of gross income received under the agreement. Any amount less than 5% is absorbed by the company without recourse to customers. Amounts over 5% are billed to customers. So we need to negotiate this for some added income to the Town of Dutch John. Currently there is an allocation for power given from WOMPA to the utility company for

3.4 cents per kwh for 1,000,000 kwh. These are in turned billed to customers at 7.5 cents per kwh.

6. New Business

- i. **Business License Application update.** Only license pending is for Matt Lucas and his form is currently incomplete.
- ii. **Discussion and possible action regarding budget.** As we begin to acquire funds from the State, we will need to set up budget. We are currently out of compliance but it takes money to have a budget. Dave motioned that this matter be tabled; seconded by Ryan. Motion passed.
- iii. **Discussion and possible action regarding dates for public meetings re Planning & Zoning document and/or Master Plan.** Scheduled meeting for next Monday to continue efforts to finalize this draft so that these meetings can be scheduled. Another reason to obtain direction from the State regarding fulfillment of noticing obligations. The Planning and Zoning document must reflect the values and directions set out in the Master Plan dealing with urban growth and development. Dave made a motion to postpone setting dates for public hearings for two weeks; seconded by Sandy. Motion carried.
- iv. **Discussion re water tank project** Dave reported that they are struggling with the process of excavation and establishing a solid structural base. The large/huge/volume of rocks is a major problem. Whereas there are only a couple of feet to deal with on the west side; on the east side there is approximately 10 feet.

This led to further discussion regarding operation of water and sewer systems. Although Jesse didn't pass water certification test, we believe he can and will pass with a little additional support. Dave is working on obtaining his Level I and II certifications to provide a backup for the Town when necessary. There have been six water line problems since Town incorporation. Our pipes are old and there are some areas – 1st Street – which need infrastructure help. This is a problem which we need to accept and understand. It appears that the pipes are telling us that because nothing has been in the past, the time is now and won't be ignored.

7. **Discussion on this year's event planning – Freedom Days** We do have some donations and Dave will contact people who donated last year asking for donations for this year. Ryan is our representative connected to the Chamber of Commerce and he will pursue their contribution. Sandy will work on publicity with the local radio stations. We now believe that the Car Show sponsored by Flaming Gorge Resort will be held the week after the fireworks. Whether or not this affects attendance remains to be seen.
8. **Executive Session if necessary:** Sandy moved we go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations with the County. Seconded by Harriet. Moved to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Review and possible action for response to County MOU.

Dave moved we come back to regular session; seconded by Ryan, passed. It was decided that we would send our response to the attorney rather than the Commission because he generated the document.

Dave made motion to adjourn; seconded by Sandy. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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